## Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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Fiscal Effect								
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☐ No Local Government Costs ☐ Indeterminate 1. ☐ Increase Costs 3. ☐ Incre ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory ☐ Perm 2. ☐ Decrease Costs 4. ☐ Decrease	5.Types of Lo Governmen Countier Mandatory rease Revenue School Districts	It Units Affected Village Cities SOuthers WTCS						
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations  GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.370 (4)(bi)								
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#### **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill allows for the Department of Natural Resources to create a general permit for certain wetland restoration activities sponsored by federal agencies in lieu of issuing certain individual permits or water quality certifications that would otherwise be required for those activities.

#### Assumptions:

- 1. Federally sponsored projects currently are exempt from waterway, dams and wetland permit fees, under ss. 30.28, 31.39 and 281.22 of Wisconsin Statutes, respectively. The bill does not change these statutory fee exemptions; therefore, no change in permit fee revenue is expected.
- 2. Department staff time will be needed to create the initial general permit, issue a public notice, schedule and staff hearings if requested, and issue the final general permit. The bill requires the general permit to be reissued every 5 years, which will require approximately the same level of Department staff effort. Creating and issuing the initial general permit will require up to 250 hours of work by several existing staff at an estimated \$31/hour salary and fringe, totaling \$7,750. The bill requires the general permit to be reissued every 5 years, so we anticipate an estimated recurring cost of \$7,750 every five years.
- 3. The goal of this bill is to streamline the regulatory process for both the federal agencies (applicant), as well as the Department Water Management Specialists who review these projects. It is anticipated DNR Water Management Specialists will spend less time reviewing federally sponsored projects that qualify for this general permit, however, the time savings is not anticipated to exceed the time investment required to create and reissue the general permit.
- 4. No fiscal impact on local governments is anticipated, as the bill does not address permits that may be required for these projects by local governments. Any applicable local permits would still need to be obtained by the federal agencies for these projects.

#### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The same level of staff effort will be needed every five years to coincide with the reissuance of a new 5-year general permit.

### Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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	One-time staff costs of \$7,750 to create the initial general permits, which will be offset to the extent that staff will spend less time reviewing federally sponsored projects that qualify for the general permit.							
II. Ar	nnualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:					
			Increased Costs		Decreased Costs			
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(F	TE Position Changes)							
Sta	ate Operations - Other Costs							
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B. St	tate Costs by Source of Fund	s						
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NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$					
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE			\$		\$			
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